

San Francisco Oct 31st 1872

Prof. Gray

Dear Sir

Yours of the 21st with
kind regards still pretty much all
that is deemed in any way desirable. —
I shall send no more Alph. made. There
is another Carlot one much finer because
more compact & fl. larger &c but I cannot
afford to go after it. — The inducible sports
a yellow var. which I think I have not before stated.

I have not corresponded with Messrs B & C
but will do so, and write them in full.

About Ms. Crossed that is all right — it only
when I'm obliged to think of the Dollar & Cent
part that a big disgust comes on — if one did not escape
to the woods with all speed from sheer love of
the beauties — my case would be hopeless. Just
look at it a moment! — Sign in ditch 1.30 per day & ground!
Harvester 2 to 3 Dollars! — Mechanic & Mason &c
5 Dollars! & so on — We go 4 months hire a man
equivalent to 8 months of your for one — of course brains
for either man Friday or Master is not required? — Then
travelling expenses, living, extra wear & tear, risks &c. Now
I say a man a fool, or stark mad who will condescend to
look at the compensation generally offered with Bull's
eyes.

viewing it thus - do you wonder at my
aversion? I always put my foot on the
back of the subject, just so long as I can
hold my breath. And when it comes
to giving up the Ghost, I relent a little,
but not much.

Those Ferns desired will be secured
if available - Once on the Sierras it would
be easy - it seems exceedingly difficult to know what
to get at just the right time &c. Have often been in
favorable conditions to do so - but once across there's
a Silver Bridge with an alarming toll Gate
thereon between us. Our elbow adviser will
say make some adequate business to pay your way
Coniferous seeds &c. Now I am just from walking
over these very seeds - looked them squarely in
the face - counted the cost - would not pay at
current rates offered by the Greatest Gov. &
best individuals in the world!! And
starve on work far more than falls to the
lot of the vilest Criminal in Christendom.

This may be the Blue side but
let me tell you it is the True Side.

For mercy I shall deliver me looking
at that Almighty man Dollar any more.

The Cheapest way is to buy in the market.

To-day I send you again the roots of
Iris macrosiphon - This is one of the finest
border plants known - both it one might
challenge the world - it is only when seen growing
that a fair appreciation can be expected - note
the graceful lateral curves & delicate gloss & varnished
reflection of light on the leaves - deep rich blue
fragrance more delicate than the Tuberosa

I send you again Iris Douglasii - This
has handsome fls. from rose pale pink
to blue with varying shades. Leaf has not
the green of the foregoing but is only 2

In the zone a few Orodaphne Cal.
"Representative Saxifrage / 15 200 feet high, waving
clearest shade, insects by no insects, toughest & most
beautiful timber - Thrives here mid snows and
ought to grow well East - If the form ever
dries it will not grow - The plant in dry
clay - whether planted out before spring or
not. I set it upon myself to send you the bulbs
of Romanzoffia Suttensis & Sandy other things
presumed to be of interest - also Aspidium truncatum
with Adiantum Chileense - Gymnogramme triangularis
Pellaea andromedifolia & shall also send others
if desired - Here is the new Aspidium Californicum
- Hosk. A. argutum (Nephrodium) - Platycodon sent -
I'm sorry I shall try to send Trigon glaucum
just ret from Marin Co. with a few other goodies.
Could not find a single bulb of Saureria out of which

The English make a new Sp. Galore
another time man dig blind and even
got one in the rear of flocks of
sheep on a thousand hills.

Yours in haste

A. H. Hallowell

P. S. Has Richardson of N.Y.
a good Book on Common Sense
Gardening!

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